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SUBJECT: UNGA: THIRD COMMITTEE: CHILE-USSR-CUBA

POLITICAL PRISONER EXCHANGE

REF: BENNETT-BAKER TELECON NOVEMBER 17

1. IN EVENT THAT THERE EMERGES DURING THIRD COMMITTEE
DEBATE ON CHILE A MOTION OR PROPOSAL OF TYPE DESCRIBED
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IN REFTELECON IN WHICH COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN WOULD BE ASKED

TO CONVEY DESIRE OF COMMITTEE THAT GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED
RESPOND FAVORABLY TO THE IDEA OF A SWAP OF POLITICAL
PRISONERS (BUKOVSKI FOR CORVALAN AND MONTES FOR MATOS),
USDEL SHOULD:

A. AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF ENCOURAGING OR ORGANIZING
MOTION OF THIS KIND;

B. VOTE IN FAVOR OF MOTION IF IT IS PUT TO A VOTE;

C. IF THERE IS POSSIBILITY OF INFLUENCING FORMULATION OF
APPEAL WITHOUT VIOLATING POINT A., WORK FOR LANGUAGE
WHICH DOWNPLAYS OR MERELY INDIRECTLY REFERENCES THE SWAP
ELEMENT AND FOCUSES ON RELEASE OF PRISONERS CONFINED FOR
POLITICAL REASONS.

2. RATIONALE FOR POINTS A AND C ABOVE IS THAT WE HAVE
SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT BUILDING RECORD OF UN ENDORSE-
MENT FOR BILATERAL PRISONER TRADES. THIS COULD
CONCEIVABLY BOOMERANG IF IT IS INTERPRETED AS ENCOURAGE-
MENT TO ANY GOVERNMENT OR TERRORIST MOVEMENT TO SEIZE OR
HOLD POLITICAL OPPONENTS FOR PURPOSES OF EFFECTING THE
RELEASE OF PRISONER OR PRISONERS HELD BY ANOTHER
GOVERNMENT. RATIONALE FOR POINT B IS THAT IN PRESENT
CASE WE WOULD FAVOR RELEASE OF PRISONERS HELD BY ALL
THREE COUNTRIES FOR ESSENTIALLY POLITICAL REASONS AND
DO NOT WISH TO APPEAR TO BE OPPOSED OR INDIFFERENT TO ANY
MOVE DESIGNED AND INTENDED TO ENCOURAGE THEIR RELEASE.
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